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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION LEADERS SPEAK DURING QUIET OBSSERVANCE
OF APRIL 19 ANNIVERSARY OF STUDENT REVOLT

1. KIM TAE-CHUNG, KIM YONG-SAM AND FORMER PRESIDENT YUN
PO-SON SPOKE ON CURRENT KOREAN POLITICAL SCENE DURING
VARIOUS OBSSERVANCES IN SEOUL COMMEMORATING APRIL 19,
1960 STUDENT REVOLT AGAINST SYNGMAN RHEE GOVERNMENT.
MEMORIAL GATHERINGS WERE REPORTEDLY QUIET
ALTHOUGH TONGA ILBO CLAIMS KIM TAE-CHUNG DREW CROWD
OF 4,000 AND RECEIVED SHOUTS OF "MANSAI" FROM STREET
CROWD FOLLOWING SPEECH. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED
THREE SPEECHES IN APRIL 21 EDITIONS THOUGH YUN PO-SON'S
COVERAGE WAS SPARSE.

2. KIM TAE-CHUNG REITERATED CLAIM THAT YUSHIN
CONSTITUTION MUST BE AMENDED, THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY
FOR DEFENSE OF COUNTRY BUT MERELY TO KEEP PRESENT
REGIME IN POWER. HE STATED THAT ECONOMIC PROGRES
NOW BENEFITING POWERFUL MUST BE BROADENED TO ENCOMPASS
AVERAGE KOREAN. HE SAID KOREA MUST LEARN LESSON FROM
INDOCHINESE SITUATION, THAT A DICTATORIAL AND COURRUPT
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GOVERNMENT CANNOT DEFEND ITSELF FROM EXTERNAL
ENEMIES. HE ADDED THAT PEOPLE WHO ONLY LIVED IN
RENTED ROOMS IN 1960 ARE NOW BOTH POWERFUL AND RICH.

3. KIM SAID THAT PRESENT GOVERNMENT WAS INSTILLING FEELING OF DEFEATISM IN COUNTRY BY CONSTANTLY PLAYING UP NORTH KOREAN THREAT. ONLY A STRONG AND DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY CAN UNIFY AND STAND STRONGLY AGAINST REAL DANGER POSED BY NORTH. ROKG MUST REGAIN RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS. HE ALSO CALLED UPON PEOPLE TO CAST ASIDE GENERAL APATHY TOWARD CURRENT EVENTS. IN CLOSING, KIM INDIRECTLY TIED IN DEATHS OF THOSE STUDENTS KILLED IN UPRISING OF 1960 WITH SUWON STUDENT KIM SANG-CHIN'S SUICIDE.

4. KIM YONG-SAM AND YUN PO-SON WERE MUCH MORE SPECIFIC IN ASSOCIATING KIM SANG-CHING'S SUICIDE WITH APRIL 19 EVENTS. WHILE KIM TAE-CHUNG'S SPECCH WAS MORE GENERAL IN SCOPE AND CHARACTER, KIM YONG-SAM'S REMARKS, ISSUED FROM PARTY HEADQUARTERS, WERE MORE DIRECTLY CRITICAL OF ROKG AND CLEARLY STRONGER. LATTER URGED REPEAL OF EMERGENCY MEASURE 7 AND REITERATED CALL TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY AND AMEND YUSHIN CONSTITUTION. YUN PO-SON'S REMARKS AS REPORTED IN PRESS WERE LARGELY EULOGY OF SUWON STUDENT'S DEATH.

5. NDP IS NOW PRESENTING PHOTO EXHIBIT OF APRIL 19 REBELLION JUXTAPOSING PICTURES FROM 1960 WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RECENT STUDENT PROTESTERS INCLUDING KIM SANG-CHIN. SNEIDER

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